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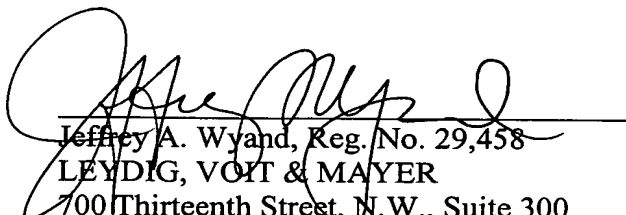
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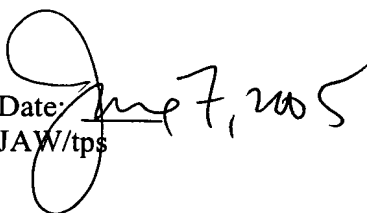
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant submits for insertion in the file of his allowed patent two prior art publications that recently came to the attention of the Applicant. The documents are listed on an attached PTO 1449 form for convenience.

The issue fee for this application has been paid so that consideration of the publications pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 is not permitted or sought. A further patent application will be filed in due course.

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